

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 8-19 remain in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 7 have been canceled and claims 6, 8-16, 18 and 19 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that the pending claims 6 and 17-19 include allowable subject matter. Dependent claims 6, 18 and 19 have been amended to be in independent format and include the features of all intervening claims.

Applicants also appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Parker during the October 15, 2002 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the following Remarks.

I. **THE SPECIFICATION SPECIFIES ALL FORMAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Office Action objects to the title as not being descriptive. The objection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants point out that the title has been amended in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 filed September 16, 2002. Applicants submit that the amended title is indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. **THE CLAIMS DEFINE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Office Action rejects claims 9 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,099,343 to Margerum in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,240,636 to Doane and U.S. Patent No. 6,079,838 to Parker; rejects claims 9 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,708,487 to Bergman in view of Doane and Parker; claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bergman in view of Doane and Parker and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,711,589 to Oe; and claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Margerum in view of Doane and Parker and further in view of Oe. Claims 1-5 and 7 have

been canceled. Thus, the rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the rejected pending claims.

Regarding the rejection of claim 8, Applicants point out that claim 8 has been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 6. Thus, Applicants submit that dependent claim 8 is also allowable.

Regarding the rejection of claim 9, Applicants submit that none of the applied references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a camera comprising *inter alia* a photographic optical system, a roof shaped pentagonal reflecting member and an LCD illuminating device having a light guide member that includes a light guiding section which is arranged along a side surface of the pentagonal reflecting member, as recited in independent claim 9. Further, none of the applied references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest combining an LCD illuminating device and a camera.

The applied references disclose display panels which are not transparent, and thus they cannot be used as a display device for a view finder of a camera. In contrast to the applied art, by arranging the light guiding section as recited in claim 9, the finder unit of a camera can be minimized. Support for the newly recited features is found in the specification, for example, at page 8, line 22 to page 11, line 18, page 20, line 8 to page 24, line 21, and in Figs. 1, 8-11.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 9 distinguishes over the applied art. Claims 10-16, which depend from independent claim 9, are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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